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THREE CENTS

Our School Enrollment

It will be interesting to our readers who follow the activities of our public schools to learn that the present enrollment at the beginning of the school year is 324. This figure is 17 short of the enrollment of last year, which was 341. The decrease in the high school is one and the elementary school sixteen. The decrease may be caused by the fact that several families have recently removed. By grades the enrollment is as follows: Center school, grade one, 29; grade two, 28; grade three, 36; grade four, 32; grade five, 37; grade six, 28; grade seven, 34; and grade eight, 24. In the High school, grade 9, 23; grade 10, 20; grade 11, 14; and grade 12, 19. 248 pupils in Center school and 76 in High. Nine boys are attending Vocational school in Greenfield. Four boys from the eighth grade have entered Mount Hermon, three girls from the eighth grade and two girls from the High school have enrolled in the Northfield School for Girls.

The seventh anniversary of the '38 hurricane brought a reminder to our residents as we were visited with high winds of gale force last week. Although some damage was done in the county, there was none in Northfield and electricity and phone service was not interrupted.

Charles E. Leach, Jr., is doing a fine art business in hand painted ties, known to the trade as "Leach-craft". They are on sale in several stores.

Enjoy Summer Meeting

The newly organized Quota Club of Greenfield was entertained on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the summer home of Miss Daisy B. Treen in the Highlands sector of this town. The seventeen members enjoyed a bountiful supper, after which the program plans for the coming season were considered. Quota International is a woman's club, ranking with Altrusa and Zonta, and similar to the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs for men. The officers of the Greenfield club are: Elizabeth Hawkes, social worker, president; Madge Holbrook, florist, secretary; and Edith Weymouth, banker, treasurer. Miss Treen is a charter member of the Boston Quota Club and is much interested in the organization of new chapters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary have returned from their summer home on the shores of Lake Iroquois in Vermont, where they have spent the last twenty-three summers. They have sold their entire lake property consisting of two commodious cottages and eighteen acres of land to Prof. John G. Bowker and wife of Middlebury, Vermont. Prof. Bowker has been a member of the faculty of Middlebury College for the past twenty years.

The Teachers' Club held a picnic supper at Jewett's Pond last Thursday evening and spent much time in a social way enjoying this attractive place.

Frank Montague Dies

Frank Henry Montague, one of this community's foremost citizens, died at his home on Main Street, Friday morning, September 14, after a lingering illness. He was 73 years old. He was born in Northfield, October 25, 1872, the son of Henry W. and Mary E. (Field) Montague. He attended the local schools, New Salem Academy and Albany Business College. He made his home with his parents at the Farms until their death, when he built the home occupied by himself and wife in the center of the town. In 1907 he married Maude S. Merriman, who now survives.

Mr. Montague was active in the affairs of the town and had held several public offices. He served as a selectman for about 15 years, as tax collector two years, was a member of the finance committee for nine years and a member of the library trustees for three years. He was a trustee of the Crocker Savings Bank of Turners Falls for twenty-five years. He was a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons and the Northfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He was truly honored and respected by all and many sought his advice and had confidence in his judgments.

The community mourns his loss and extends its sympathy to his widow. The funeral was held at his home on Sunday afternoon following attended by many friends and by members of Harmony Lodge. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves was the officiating clergyman and burial was in the family plot in the cemetery at Northfield Farms.

Met Overseas

After thirty-nine days at sea aboard the U. S. Hospital Ship "Charles A. Stafford" 2nd Lt. Beverly C. Briesmaster, Army Nurse Corps, finally reached Manila and within two days met her brother, Sgt. Harold A. Briesmaster, AAF, who is stationed at Clark Field, 70 miles from Manila. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster of Valley Vista Inn, received word that the two had met after contacting each other by field telephone. Sgt. Briesmaster raced to Manila in a jeep when he heard that his sister was on the "alert" to move to a new location, but they managed a two-hour visit before her truck convoy left for the 4th General hospital where Lt. Briesmaster is now stationed.

Library Lists Books

Miss Eveleth, librarian of the Dickinson Memorial Library, in behalf of its Trustees announces the addition of the following new books which are on the shelves ready for circulation: A. Woolcott, S. H. Adams; All Our Lives, H. W. Miller; African Journey, Mrs. E. G. Robeson; Against These Three, Stuart Cloete; Burbank Among the Indians, E. A. Burbank; Doctor at the Timberline, C. F. Gardiner; Home to India, Santha Rama Rau; Ivy Years, E. S. Miers; Pattern of Soviet Power, Edgar Snow; Poor Man's Doctor, L. R. Tryon; Prekasaka's Wife, Helen Wheaton; Robinson Crusoe, U. S. N., G. R. Tweed; Russia Is No Riddle, Edmund Stevens; So Far So Good, R. H. Sharp; Straw in the Sun, Mrs. C. M. H. Simon; Tolstoy and His Wife, Tikhon Polner; Up Front, Bill Maudlin; Charity Strong, Marguerite Allis; Happy Time, Robert Fontaine; Island of the Innocent, Madeleine Kent; January Thaw, Bellamy Partridge; Piccola, Helen La Penta; The Pool, Dana Burnett; Rickshaw Boy, Lau Shaw; Silver Darlings, N. M. Gunn; So Well Remembered, James Hilton; Stronger Than Fear, Richard Tregaskis; Men in Three Suits, J. B. Priestley; West-the River, Dale Van Every.

It is announced that there will be a collection of clothing under the auspices of the government throughout the nation in January. Henry J. Kaiser will again head the National committee at the request of President Truman and the clothing is for urgent assistance of peoples in war-torn countries to be handled by the United Nations' Relief committee. Mrs. William E. Park was chairman in this community of the last drive.

Frank Langille, who has been discharged from the army after being wounded in service in Europe, has been a guest at the home of Mrs. William R. Moody.

The trip aboard the hospital ship was exceedingly interesting as they sailed from New York to Hawaii via the Panama Canal. From Pearl Harbor, where the large group of nurses disembarked for a tour of Oahu, they went to Tacloban, Leyte.

Sgt. Briesmaster, before being transferred to the Philippines served 15 months in Port Moresby, Lae and Nazdab, New Guinea.

Buy Summer Cottages

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin W. Grilley, Jr., of Fall River have purchased the summer home of the Woodruff family on Pine Road in Rustic Ridge. They expect to occupy next season. Rev. Mr. Grilley is the minister of St. Marks Episcopal church of that city. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Broadhead of New Rochelle, N. Y., have purchased the "Bruce cottage" from the Rustic Ridge Association for their summer residence. They occupied the Woodruff cottage this season. Both families will be welcomed by the summer colony. The Ridge Association representative reports that other sales are pending.

Miss Louise Townsend of St. Petersburg is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean entertained recently at their cottage at Lake Spofford, N. H., Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Dame and three children of Greenfield.

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Card of Thanks

To the numerous friends both in Northfield Farms and Northfield, we wish to express our gratitude for the beautiful floral offerings received and also for the special kindnesses rendered at the time of our bereavement.

Maude Montague
Mabel L. Merriman
Anne C. Merriman

Card of Thanks

The Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Auxiliary extends sincere and hearty thanks to the people of Northfield for their generous co-operation during the membership campaign.

Marion Craig Haus,
Recording Secretary.

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Rev. Mary Andrews Conner was called to Hamilton, Ohio, on Sunday, the 23rd, by the sudden death of her brother.

The Unitarian parish tendered a public reception to its new minister, the Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, at the church, Monday evening, the 24th. Many attended to extend their greetings.

You can set your clocks back an hour, Sunday, September 30, for standard time, but household duties, work and play will continue on the old schedule.

Mrs. E. M. Powell will conduct a rummage sale at her home in October for the benefit of the National War Fund. She is chairman of the local committee.

The Franklin county association of Congregational churches and ministers will hold its fall meeting at South Deerfield with the Congregational church, on Sunday, October 14. The local church will send a delegation.

Mrs. Clarence Spaulding of Winchester Road is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carroll Rich, at her home in East Pepperell.

Miss Arlene Dunnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Myron Donnell, who is employed at the Springfield city library, recently spent a few days at her home here.

Sgt. Erving Scott recently enjoyed a leave at the home of his father, William Scott, Sr., at the Farms. He has reported to Fort Devens for reassignment.

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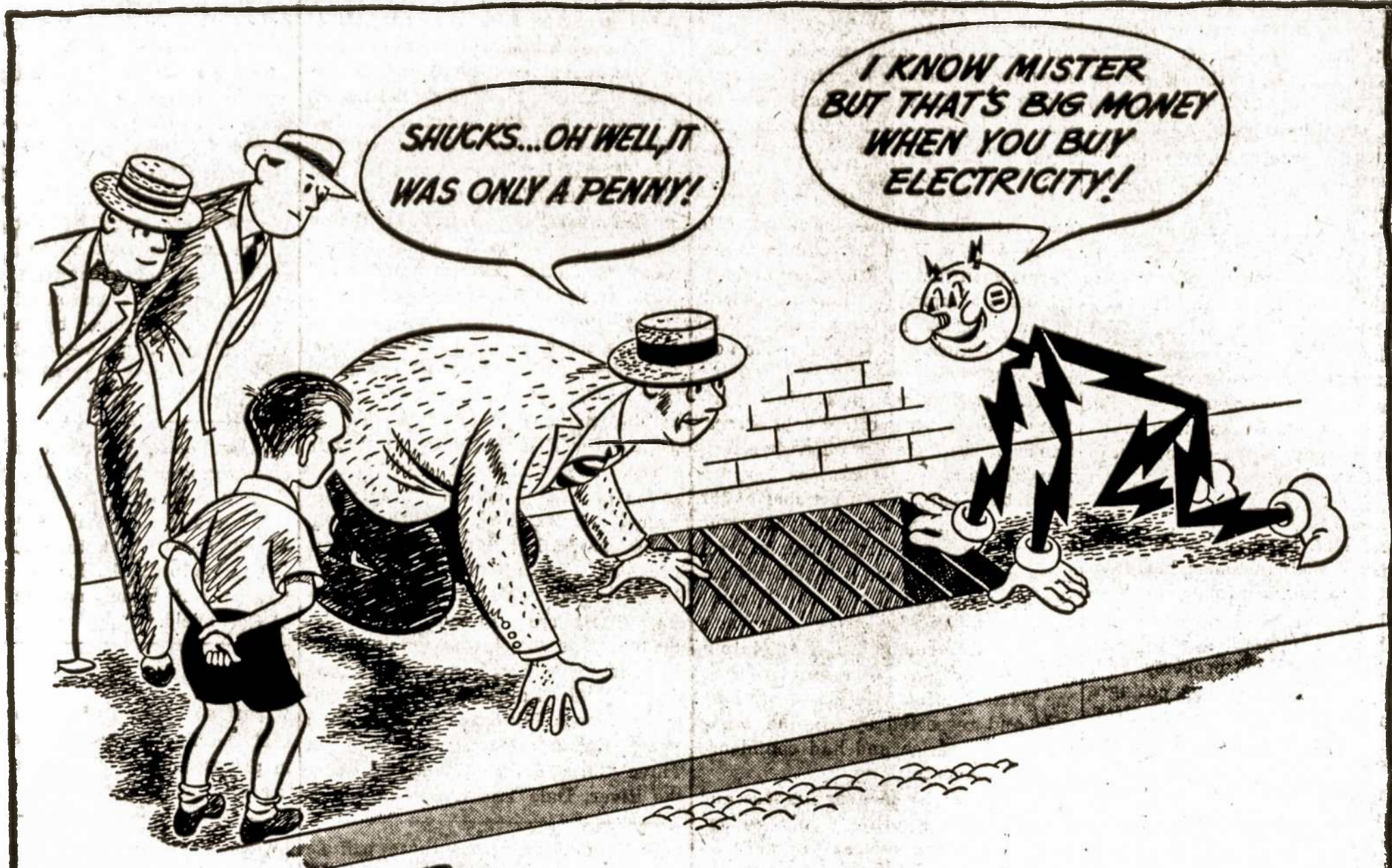
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